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## ALMOST A LOVE STORY

By M. QUAD  
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One day when little Miss May Fletcher was only four years old a neighbor of the family brought over a boy of about the same age. The two children had been playing together half an hour or so when the mother of the boy called out:

"Susan Fletcher, see there, will you? Your girl is trying to flirt with my boy!"

That was the beginning of Miss May's career. By the time she was ten or twelve years old and going to school she was breaking the hearts of the boy pupils. She was a handsome girl, and she had cute, coy ways about her.

When she was approaching her twentieth year her solemn father solemnly asked her:

"May, do you know that this whole town of Tiptonville is talking about you?"

"No, father," was the reply. "What are they saying about me?"

"That you are a confirmed flirt and a coquette."

"Why, father, how you shock me!"

"Don't pretend such innocence," chided the father. "Let's go over your case a little. When Parson Brown came here, an unmarried man, two years ago, he seemed to take quite a shine to you."

"Yes, father."

"I have an idea that he asked you to be his wife."

"He did, father, but how was it? We were coming home from prayer meeting when he said that he loved me and wanted me to become his darling wife. Just as I got my mouth open to say yes a big dog, chased by a little dog, came running up on the sidewalk behind us. The dog struck Parson Brown in the legs, and he went sprawling. I tittered, I giggled, I snickered. How could I help it? Mr. Brown went off in a huff and in six months was married to Amanda Jones."

"But there was Charles Renfrew," continued the father, with a smile around his mouth.

"Yes, I remember him, but it was not my fault that he quit coming here. I was expecting to be Mrs. Renfrew some day, but he had not proposed yet. He came one night, and just as he started in to propose he gave an awful sneeze, and the false plate in his mouth, which I never suspected was there, flew out and under the table, and the cat scrambled for it. Father, I had to snicker or blow right out of the window! Poor Charles dove under the table for his plate, gave me one awful look and went through the front door."

There was a silence for two minutes, and then the father asked:

"But what about George Fox, who has been coming here quite often of late?"

"I don't know," was the reply. "I think he will ask me to marry him."

"And you'll titter and spill it all?"

"Not if I can help it, father. George squints with both eyes every two or three minutes. It is a dreadfully funny squint."

George Fox was a young bachelor of twenty-five, who lived with his widowed mother. He was a farmer. He had admired and loved Miss May and meant to make her his wife, squint or no squint.

Three or four days after Mr. Fletcher had had the talk with his daughter, as recorded above, young Mr. Fox

## SCALP TERRIBLE WITH DANDRUFF

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## WHO SUNK THE PERSIA?

One Hope of Knowing Is Left in Washington

### THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT

Has Affidavits Taken from Members of Steam-er's Crew

Washington, Jan. 24.—The state department virtually has abandoned hope of determining what destroyed the British steamship Persia, sunk in the Mediterranean with a loss of at least two American lives.

Austria-Hungary and Germany having disclaimed responsibility for the disaster, and affidavits of survivors being inconclusive, only one avenue of information remains open. This is through the British government, which has in its possession affidavits from members of the crew. The affidavits were turned over to a British consular representative at Alexandria, Egypt, and were forwarded to London. The state department has not yet been advised that the documents have reached their destination.

It is known that the Persia's crew was on the lookout for submarines for some time prior to the explosion which caused the ship to go down, and the state department will not finally decide that the cause of the disaster is an unsolved mystery until the contents of the crew's affidavits are known. The opinion prevails, however, that if conclusive proof that the Persia was torpedoed was contained in the affidavits, mention of the fact would have been made before this time by the British government.

A rejoinder to Austria's late reply regarding the Ancona case has been held up pending the possible receipt of more information regarding the Persia. Officials consider that there is a possibility the situation may yet so develop as to warrant mention of the Persia in the rejoinder, but the Ancona negotiations probably will not be delayed much longer on that account.

The state department Saturday night had heard only through press dispatches of the disclaimer regarding the Persia delivered to Ambassador Penfield by the Vienna foreign office. A dispatch from the ambassador momentarily was expected, however.

## RIGHTS OF NATIONS DECLARATION

Adopted By American Institute of International Law at Its Recent Convention in Washington, D. C.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 24.—A Pan-American "Declaration of the Rights of Nations," prepared by Secretary Lansing, Elihu Root and Dr. James Brown Scott and adopted in executive session by the American Institute of International Law at its recent convention held here under the auspices of the Pan-American Scientific Congress, was made public today by Dr. Scott, president of the institute.

Although the declaration lacks the formal ratification of the 21 American republics and therefore is not an official document, its framers believe that it correctly sets forth the official views of all the American commonwealths. Before the institute was called upon to consider it, the declaration was submitted to and approved by the chief authorities on international law in the South American republics, including Ambassador Suarez and Dr. Alejandro Alvarez of Chile. It was unanimously adopted Jan. 6 by the institute, whose membership of 105 is made up of five experts on international law from each of the 21 American republics.

The declaration, it is said, embodies the institute's conception of only elemental national rights and will be further considered at the next meeting of the institute in Havana next year. It contains five primary sections which were fashioned with the United States Declaration of Independence in mind as a model and which read as follows:

"I. Every nation has the right to exist, to protect and to conserve its existence; but this right neither implies the right nor justifies the act of the state to protect itself or to conserve its existence by the commission of unlawful acts against innocent and unoffending states."

"II. Every nation has the right to independence in the sense that it has a right to the pursuit of happiness and is free to develop itself without interference or control from other states, provided that in so doing it does not interfere with or violate the just rights of other states."

"III. Every nation is in law and before law the equal of every other state composing the society of nations, and all states have the right to claim, and according to the Declaration of Independence of the United States, to assume, among the powers of the earth, the sep-

## Rheumatism!

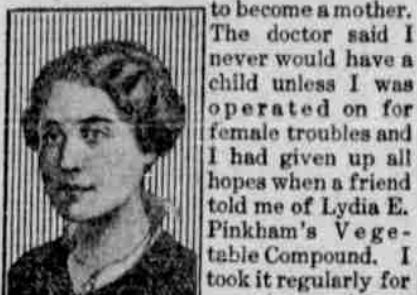
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## DESPAIRING WOMAN NOW HAPPY MOTHER

Mrs. Stephens Did Not Need The Surgical Operation.

Potoka, Ill.—"I had been married five years and my greatest desire was to become a mother. The doctor said I never would have a child unless I was operated on for female troubles and I had given up all hopes when a friend told me of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I took it regularly for some time, and I am



in better health than ever, and have a healthy baby girl. I praise your Vegetable Compound for my baby and my better health. I want all suffering women to know that it is the sure road to health and happiness."—Mrs. GEORGE STEPHENS, R. F. D. No. 3, Potoka, Ill. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is so successful in overcoming woman's ills because it contains the tonic, strengthening properties of good old fashioned roots and herbs, which act on the female organism. Women from all parts of the country are continually testifying to its strengthening, curative influence.

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arate and equal station to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle them.

"IV. Every nation has the right to territory within defined boundaries and to exercise exclusive jurisdiction over that territory, and all persons whether native or foreign found therein."

"V. Every nation entitled to a right by the law of nations is entitled to have that right respected and protected by all other nations, for right and duty are correlative, and the right of one is the duty of all to observe."

The preamble to the resolution embodying the declaration reads as follows: "Whereas, the municipal law of civilized nations recognizes and protects the right to life, the right to liberty, to equality before the law, the right to property, and the right to the observance thereof, are stated in terms of international law, the right of the nation to exist and to protect and to conserve its existence; the right of independence and the freedom to develop itself without interference or control from other nations, the right of equality in law and before law; the right to territory within defined boundaries and to exclusive jurisdiction therein; and the right to the observance of these fundamental rights; therefore, the American Institute of International Law unanimously adopts at its first session, held in the city of Washington, in the United States of America, on the sixth day of January, 1916, in connection with and under the auspices of the second Pan-American Scientific Congress, the following five articles, together with the commentary thereon, to be known as the Declaration of the Rights of Nations."

Then follow the articles of the declaration.

### SPEAKERS ANNOUNCED.

Preliminary Program of Child Labor Conference Out.

The preliminary program of the 12th annual conference on child labor has just been published. The conference will be held in Asheville, N. C., Feb. 3-6, and many southerners appear on the program.

An entire session will be devoted to a discussion of the Keating-Owen child labor bill which the House committee on labor has reported favorably. Among the speakers for the federal bill will be A. Mitchell Palmer who sponsored the bill in the House of Representatives last year; Thomas I. Parkinson of the legislative drafting bureau, Columbia university, who presented the constitutional argument for the bill at the hearing before the committee on labor last week; and Congressman Edward Keating, who introduced the bill in the present Congress.

Others speakers will be Mrs. Martha P. Falconer, whose subject is "The Effects of Child Labor on Juvenile Delinquency," Dr. Edward T. Devine of Columbia university, Mrs. Florence Kelley, secretary of the National Consumer's League; Stephen S. Wise, of the Free Synagogue, New York; and members of the staff of the national child labor committee.

### DOUBTFUL NATIONALITY.

French Soldier's Wooden Leg Once Worn By Native of Germany.

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## BRIGHT FUTURE FOR VERMONT

Is Predicted by Governor Gates and James Hartness

### AT BANQUET OF VERMONT FARMERS

Farmers More Prosperous Than Ever, Says Gov. Gates

Boston, Jan. 24.—A bright future for Vermont along industrial and agricultural lines was pictured by speakers at the 30th annual reception and banquet of the Vermont Association of Boston at the Hotel Vendome Saturday night.

Governor Charles W. Gates of Vermont said that, despite the state's growth along industrial lines, it is still an agricultural state, and that the farmers are enjoying better times than they have in years. They are getting better prices for their products, and their prosperity is shown in the trade of stock raised on Vermont farms to-day and the high-class equipment of the farmers. In the last 10 years, he said, farming in Vermont has ceased to be a losing venture and is beginning to show good profits.

One reason for the increase in agricultural prosperity, he said, is the good roads that have been built in Vermont in recent years. More than 4,000 miles of roads have been improved in that time and the farms have benefited. The problem of maintaining the roads has been solved by using the material right at hand and without running into debt.

"We cannot appreciate the economy in issuing 50-year bonds to pay for roads that are worn out in 10 or 12 years," he said, "although machinery salesmen and experts of all kinds have tried to demonstrate it to us."

James Hartness, chairman of the board of education of Vermont and a machinery manufacturer, said that the new Vermont would not be the agricultural state that it has been in the past, but an industrial one.

"The industrial opportunities in Vermont are as good as any in the country," he said, "and especially in the machinery industry. Not only is there cheap electric and water power, but the Vermonters have a natural aptitude for mechanical things and wherever a machine shop or factory has been started in Vermont it has prospered. The industrial growth of Vermont has also brought better conditions for the farmers. The farmer not only finds a good market for his products in the industrial towns, but there his sons, who in times past would have left the state for wider opportunities, find congenial employment in the new industries."

Lieutenant Governor Calvin Coolidge, a native of Vermont, said that the nation was indebted to the people of Vermont for the ideals they have cherished in the past, an inspiration which has reached out all over the country.

Elmer E. Silver, president of the association, was toastmaster. About 200 members and their families were present. In the receiving line at the reception which preceded the banquet were Mr. and Mrs. Elmer E. Silver, Governor Gates, Lieutenant Governor Calvin Coolidge, Mr. and Mrs. Hartness and Mrs. Samuel W. McCall, wife of Governor McCall, who was unable to be present. Mrs. McCall is a native of Guildhall, Vt.

## SALOONKEEPER MUST PAY FOR DEATH OF A PATRON

Widow of Drink Victim Recovers \$2,500 Under an Old Pennsylvania Law.

Philadelphia, Jan. 24.—A jury in Judge Patterson's court Saturday returned a verdict of \$2,500 in favor of Mrs. Virginia Alexander against Jacob Bosch, the proprietor of a saloon at 2521 North 27th street. She had sued to recover for the death of her husband, who she claimed, died in March, 1914, after two years of excessive use of intoxicants, the majority of which she alleged, had been sold to him by Bosch, despite her pleadings.

The suit was brought under the provisions of the act of 1854 which makes it unlawful for a saloonkeeper to furnish liquor to a man of known intemperate habits, and provides that he can be held liable for damages. This is the first case of its kind in this county.

## Eighty Degrees Below Zero.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 24.—Richardson, Alaska, 60 miles from Fairbanks, reported 80 degrees below zero Saturday, according to dispatches from the far north territory.

## HOW SHE ENDED TEN YEARS OF SKIN-TORTURE

Oct. 28, 1914—"I had eczema on my face for ten years. Little red pimples formed in a small spot on my chin and then spread all over my face. They itched and burned me awfully. It was certainly embarrassing to me, and I would not go amongst people. I tried almost every remedy and treatment that could be used for this trouble, but nothing did me any good. I used Resinol Ointment and Resinol Soap, and was relieved in a day or two. In one month I was cured. This was six months ago and the trouble has never returned."—(Signed) Mrs. C. C. Roberts, Weatherford, Okla.

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## BATTLED FOR THEIR BRIDES. SWORDS OF JAPAN.

The Most Thrilling Wedding Day in the World's History.

Do you know what was the most thrilling wedding day in the history of the world? There have been many romantic marriages and many nuptial services that had to be deferred because of the opposition of parent or rival, but all of them pale into dingy gray when compared with the colorful spectacle of the abduction and recapture of the Venetian brides in the early winter of 1823, when Candio II, the noble doge, was lending his presence to the biggest wedding party in the history of the Church of San Pietro.

It had long been the custom for all the noble brides to be married on St. Mary's day. It was, moreover, the custom for the brides to bring with them all their jewels and their dowries, in gold coin, inclosed in handsomely carved chests.

The latter fact was well known in Trieste, that ancient Roman colony which was the harbor for bands of pirates who were most clever navigators. On this richest of all St. Mary's wedding days the ceremony for more than a score of brides had already begun when the pirates from Trieste burst into the church, captured the brides and their dowries and carried them to the waiting boats. Thanks to the Trunkmakers' union, there were several boats waiting, and in these the betrothed bridegrooms and the sturdy trunk-makers gave pursuit. There was a battle royal, one of the most thrilling sea fights on record, and before midnight all had been safely married.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Even the final processes of polishing and sharpening are characterized by certain religious ceremonies, and finally the weapons are offered, one by one, to the sword god to be blessed. This ceremony consists in placing the swords in front of the goddess of the Shintos on the wall, with an offering of sake, rice and sweetmeats, after which prayer scrolls are read and blessing upon the work is invoked.—Pearson's Weekly.

## GET RICH QUICK SCHEMES.

For Big Investors They May Work, but Not For Small Ones.

"Those who labor hard for their money and who have a still more arduous struggle in saving small sums," says a banker in the American Magazine, "naturally fall easy victims in many instances to the desire for sudden riches. But the fatal error lies in supposing that the person of small means can afford to take the chance. If he or she loses they lose all. The large capitalist and the professional money lender have the law of averages working with them. They can afford to sink money into twenty ventures if they make a thousand per cent on one. They are protected by the law of chance, the average safety of their investments depending upon no single risk."

## Went Unnoticed.

"What is your opinion of Boston?" "I was agreeably surprised on my first visit to that town."

"Yes?"

"Just for an experiment I split an infinitive, but there was nothing like a riot precipitated."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

## Combination Spoiled.

He—She married a fool with barrels of money. She—Then why isn't she happy? He—Marriage brought him to his senses.—Boston Transcript.

## ARE YOU LIKE THIS?

If you are irritable you may be the last person to realize it unless you honestly examine yourself. Are you? Are you subject to headaches? Do you forget easily? Is it difficult for you to keep your mind on your work? Do you have a sense of weakness in arms and legs and get tired easily?

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"How do you know?" asked the artist. "Huh!" snorted the poet, with fine scorn. "I don't believe he owes a cent in the world!"—Dallas News.